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Predicting

- I guess/predict/imagine that...
- Based on..., I infer that...
- I hypothesize that...

Expressing an Opinion

- I think/believe that...
- In my opinion...
- It seems to me that...
- Based on my experience,
I think...

Asking for Clarification

- What do you mean?
- Will you explain that again?
- How did you find your answer?

Paraphrasing

- So you are saying that...
- In other words, you think...
- What I hear you saying is...

Soliciting a Response

- **What do you think?**
- **We haven't heard from you yet.**
- **Do you agree?**
- **What is your answer?**

Acknowledging Ideas

- My idea is similar to/related to _____'s idea.
- I agree with _____ that...
- My idea builds upon _____'s idea.

Affirming

- That's an interesting idea.
- I hadn't thought of that.
- I see what you mean.

Holding the Floor

- As I was saying...
- If I could finish my thought...
- What I was trying to say was...

Reporting a Partner's Idea

- _____ shared with me that...
- _____ pointed out to me that...
- _____ emphasized that...
- _____ concluded that...

Reporting a Group's Idea

- We decided/agreed that...
- We concluded that...
- Our group sees it differently.
- We had a different approach.

Disagreeing

- I don't agree with you because...
- I got a different answer than you.
- I see it another way.

Offering a Suggestion

- Maybe we could...
- What if we...
- Here's something we might try.